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Wednesday - 12 March 1969

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1. [ ] Talked with Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the pending nomination of Lieutenant General Cushman. Braswell indicated that General Haynes, Legislative Liaison for the Marine Corps, had been in touch with him on the subject of confirmation hearings and the alleged problem pertaining to the maintenance of General Cushman's three-star status. The Marine Corps has apparently explored the possibility of having General Cushman confirmed without a hearing in advance of his departure from his present position in Vietnam. Braswell is obviously quite irritated about the way the Marine Corps is handling this and sees no reason for it. He said that it was possible for the Committee to do what General Haynes suggested, but he sees no reason for it. As Braswell put it, the Marine Corps "has not made its case" to him. I told Braswell that this was obviously a Marine Corps problem with which we were not familiar. Braswell added that he was quite certain that the Committee would want to have General Cushman make a personal appearance since it would appear that he could be made available between the 25th of March and the 15th of April.

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2. [ ] Established contact with Brigadier General F. E. Haynes, Legislative Liaison for the Marine Corps, in connection with General Cushman's pending nomination. General Haynes appears quite confused about the whole situation to the point of saying that according to information he received from Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, General Cushman's nomination had not been received by the Committee. (This was published in the Congressional Record of Friday, 7 March 1969.) General Haynes appeared pleasant enough, however, and in reviewing the problem of maintaining General Cushman's three-star status acknowledged that this was a Marine Corps problem. No action by this office appears indicated at this time.

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25X1 6. [ ] In response to his call, met with  
Mr. Bruce Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William  
Bray (R., Ind.) who advised that their office has been queried concerning  
the employment application of [ ] a constituent. Mr. 25X1A  
[ ] took the CIA "entrance exam" and has had  
no response. It would be appreciated if information could be provided  
for use by Representative Bray in responding to the query he has received  
on this matter. The Office of Personnel has been advised.

25X1 7. [ ] Called J. Sourwine, Senate Internal  
Security Subcommittee, and informed him that the Agency has no record  
STATOTHR on [ ]

25X1 8. [ ] Miss Puishis, in the office of Representative  
Floyd Hicks (D., Washington), called on behalf of a constituent to inquire  
about summer employment. I pointed out the problems connected with this  
and she readily understood and withdrew the request.

25X1 9. [ ] Talked with Ed Braswell, Staff Director,  
Senate Armed Services Committee, about Senator Ervin's responses to the  
Director's letter requesting an opportunity to appear before Ervin's  
Subcommittee in executive session to present the Agency's views on S. 782.  
Braswell repeated his feeling that the Director should now meet privately  
with Senator Ervin again, expressing in specific terms the Agency's  
objections to the bill and offering suggested language which would meet the  
Agency's needs. Braswell urged that we be absolutely certain that there  
is no way possible for the Agency to live with this bill with anything short  
of a full exemption. In this connection Braswell mentioned again that  
senators will not accept the fact that this is a serious Agency problem  
unless the Director is willing to express the Agency's position personally  
to them.

In this connection Braswell asked about NSA's position on the bill  
at this time. He said he had not heard anything from them this year and  
the assumption is that perhaps NSA is finding ways to adjust to the bill.  
I told him I was confident this was not the case. He said he might be talking  
with Jack Stempler, DOD, in an effort to stimulate him into action.

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25X1 10. [ ] Talked with Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the pending nomination of General Cushman and the timing of Committee hearings on the nomination. I told him it was my understanding that the General would be leaving Vietnam on or about 25 March and was scheduled to assume his duties as DDCI around 15 April. Braswell said he assumed the Chairman would want General Cushman to appear before the Committee, but said there was no urgency on this. It can be arranged sometime between 26 March and 15 April.

25X1 11. [ ] Called Homer Krout, Administrative Assistant to Representative Joel T. Broyhill (R., Va.), regarding the Congressman's telegram to the Director on behalf of [ ] and his pending BEC claim. I told Krout that I had been in touch with our Personnel people who were pulling [ ] file and that when the case had been reviewed we would be in touch with him tomorrow morning. Krout acknowledged that [ ] was a very confused individual, but said he had been pressing them for some time to have them again contact the Agency. Krout said they had also sent a telegram to the Bureau of Employees' Compensation. He said they wanted to cooperate with us in every way and appreciated the nature of this case. 25X1A

25X1 12. [ ] Talked with William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, about Senator Ervin's response to the Director's letter to Senator Ervin on S. 782. Woodruff offered little encouragement, but said he thought it essential that the Director see Senator Ervin again this year in an attempt to reconcile our problems over the bill. If this fails ( as he expects it will), he feels that the Director should then meet privately with Senator Russell and spell out to him the Agency's problems with this bill. Woodruff said that senators are most reluctant to interfere with the business of another senator in his committee capacity, but he recognized that our Subcommittee members should be forced to focus on Agency problems since they have asserted legislative oversight jurisdiction over CIA.

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Friday - 7 March 1969

25X1 1. [ ] Mourine Dantzic, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called and asked if we could provide the Committee with 75 copies of a background on General Cushman, whose nomination as DDCI was received today. I later talked with Charles Kirbow, of the Committee staff, who agreed that this information should be obtained from the Marine Corps.

25X1 2. [ ] Talked with Ed Hartung, Minority Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, about the status of the application of [ ] 25X1A I explained to Hartung that, despite [ ] 25X1A qualifications and experience, we could not offer her a position above grade GS-5 (GS-6 if she will go overseas). Positions in grades GS-7 and GS-9 are filled by selections of qualified secretaries already in the Agency. I told him I would check further on this, however, and be in touch with him.

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25X1 4. [ ] Mrs. Gwen Lewis, in the office of Senator Len B. Jordan (R., Idaho) called and asked if we would arrange a personnel interview for [ ] 25X1A who is interested in Agency employment. [ ] 25X1A and is highly recommended by Mrs. Lewis.

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Thursday - 6 March 1969

25X1 1. [ ] Carl Blake, in the office of Representative Donald Riegle (R., Mich.), called to arrange a meeting with George Carver, SAVA, to discuss the Congressman's trip to Vietnam. After checking with Carver, it was agreed that we would meet in Riegle's office at 4:30 p.m., 7 March.

25X1 2. [ ] J. Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to request information on [ ]  
25X1C [ ] who is travelling in the United States with [ ]  
25X1C [ ] I told Sourwine I would check and be back in touch.

25X1 3. [ ] Paul Karody, Legislative Assistant to Senator Stephen M. Young (D., Ohio), called on behalf of the Senator to find out the amount of the Agency budget and the number of Agency personnel. I told Mr. Karody that I was not able to supply this information and cited the statutory proscriptions involved. I suggested that it may be reasonable from his position and if he wishes to, to suggest to the Senator that he deal with Senators Russell and Stennis on this matter and he seemed to be agreeable to this suggestion commenting that it would get both of us "off the hook." Then, in the absence of Ed Braswell, I alerted Mr. Charles Kirbow, Chief Clerk, Senate Armed Services Committee.

25X1 4. [ ] Spoke with Colonel Banks, in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, concerning H.R. 4204, amendments to the War Claims Act of 1948, and learned that the bill will be reported out in amended fashion and that it is DOD's position that expansion of the bill to include American citizens, among other things, would be best accomplished on the Senate side.

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25X1 14. [ ] Hand carried to Mr. Edward Braswell, Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Director's letter to Senator Stennis transmitting a copy of the statement which the Director gave before the Pike Subcommittee on the Pueblo. Braswell said he had not devoted any time of study to the Pueblo case and added that this would be a useful summary for him. I had the impression from Braswell's remarks that he feels Senator Stennis would like to avoid hearings on the Pueblo but is under some pressure from certain of his members to schedule them. He also has outstanding the request from Senator Fulbright that any hearings on the Pueblo be conducted with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Braswell reviewed again his conversation with Senator Ervin on S. 787. He indicated that he would like the Agency to be in touch with him before we respond to the letter which Senator Ervin is sending us.

25X1 15. [ ] During the course of a conversation with Charles Kirbow, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, the subject of the Ervin bill came up. We reviewed the membership of Senator Ervin's Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and Kirbow admitted that Senator Thurmond was a member of that Subcommittee. In response to my light query Kirbow said he thought Senator Thurmond would be sympathetic to the Agency's position on the bill and suggested that we discuss it with James Lucier, of Senator Strom Thurmond's (R., S. Car.) staff, in whom the Senator has great confidence. 25X1

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4. [ ] Edward Braswell, Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that Senator Sam J. Ervin (D., N. Car.) talked to him about the Agency's problems with S. 782. The Senator mentioned that Agency representatives had met with him but according to Braswell their comments concerning the bill had been extremely general in nature. He told Braswell that he planned to reply to Mr. Helms' letter requesting an Agency appearance in executive session. In his reply he will suggest that the Agency propose specific language which it would like to have included in the bill. Senator Ervin also told Braswell that he would want the Agency to be more specific with regard to our problems with S. 782. Braswell recommended that we do nothing further until we receive Senator Ervin's letter. When we respond he feels that this should include a personal visit from the Director to the Senator.

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5. [ ] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, concerning Chairman Mahon's request for a worldwide intelligence presentation for the Defense Subcommittee of Appropriations. Mr. Michaels advised that the Chairman has scheduled the 13th and the morning of the 14th for the Director's presentation but that we had been successful last year and the year before in completing the Committee's questioning in one day. In keeping with the Chairman's schedule, however, he would appreciate it if the Director's schedule could be blocked for the morning of the 14th in the event it is necessary to carry over. He indicated that the Chairman and Committee would be particularly interested in ABM and ICBM, both Soviet and ChiCom; South East Asia; South America, with some emphasis on Peru; the Middle East; and, Berlin depending on the status of that problem at the time of meeting. He noted the Chairman is quite interested in Spain and would be interested in our estimate as to what may happen on the question of succession on General Franco's death and whether the succession question has any bearing on the present negotiations with Spain. Mr. Michaels will advise if other specific questions are identified by the Chairman. [ ] has been advised.

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I briefed Mr. Michaels on the number of Soviet operational ICBMs on launcher.

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Tuesday - 4 March 1969

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1. [ ] Met with Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and brought him up-to-date on developments on the Ervin bill (S. 782). I mentioned that Messrs. Maury and Houston had talked with Senator Ervin without any apparent success, that we had discussed our problems with the bill with Senators Jackson and McClellan during their visit to the Agency last Saturday and that we had also talked with Senator Eastland. I pointed out that Senators Jackson, McClellan, and Eastland seemed sympathetic to our position and we hoped for their support. Braswell now shares our concern that Senator Ervin may report this bill out of his Subcommittee without further hearings. In this connection, I mentioned that the Director had written to Senator Ervin regarding an opportunity to appear before his Subcommittee in executive session to state the Agency's problem. Braswell also agrees with us that the best place to try to accomplish our purpose is within the Judiciary Committee framework.

I mentioned to Braswell the Director's reference to possible retirement legislation in his conversation with Senator Stennis last Monday and Senator Stennis' suggestion that we take this up with Braswell. I indicated that we would be in touch with him in the very near future. Braswell suggested that we submit material to him in advance of any meeting so that he could have an opportunity to study it.

I advised Braswell that we were looking into the possibility of an investment plan for Agency employees which could be tied into our retirement program. I emphasized that this was in the exploratory stages and that we would be back in touch with him before any action is taken to establish such a program. Braswell's only question was whether or not there would be an Agency contribution to the plan and I told him there would not. In the framework of this conversation, Braswell expressed some knowledge of and some interest in our United Benefits Insurance Program. I told him I would obtain some material on this program for him.

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Monday - 3 March 1969

25X1 1. [ ] Hand carried to Mr. Edward Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, a copy of the Director's response to the inquiry from Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S. Car.) on the subject of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

25X1 2. [ ] Picked up from Mr. William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a copy of the Director's prepared statement on "threshold" countries and the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as given in the briefing to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

Mr. Woodruff asked if I would obtain information for him on these North Korean naval vessels: the SO-1 subchaser and the P-4 torpedo boat. I told Woodruff I would check on this and be back in touch with him.

25X1 3. [ ] Picked up from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy two copies of the transcript of the Director's briefing to the Committee. One copy is being forwarded to OSI for review and correction.

25X1 4. [ ] In response to his inquiry of Friday, I provided Mr. James Gehrig, Staff Director of the Senate Space Committee, with the name of Mr. Eugene Pronko of the National Science Foundation, Science Information Service, as the person he should contact on the subject of machine translation.

25X1 5. [ ] Obtained from Mr. Edmund Hartung, of the Senate Appropriations Committee staff, secrecy oaths on several areas of compartmented information. Mr. Hartung was given a security indoctrination on this type of material.

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